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## ROAD MEETING AT LOUISA TUESDAY WELL ATTENDED

THE MAYO TRAIL COSTS LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTHING EXCEPT A LOAN OF CREDIT.

The good roads meeting held at the court house Tuesday afternoon was a very successful and enthusiastic gathering.

As one of the speakers said, the meeting was made up of the most representative men in Lawrence county. The court house was filled almost to the full seating capacity and we heartily agree with the statement that no gathering of citizens ever seen here would show a higher average in character and standing.

The spirit of the meeting was fine. Routes were being discussed, and while almost every man had a choice, all were striving to rise above the innate selfishness of humanity.

Mr. M. E. S. Posey, engineer in charge of the Mayo Trail, the State and National highway being surveyed from Ashland to Pikeville, opened the meeting and presided. He proved to be a very competent presiding officer. He soon won the confidence of his audience by his frank and sensible statements. He made it very plain that he was here to play no favorites, but to get the best results for the nation, state, valley and county. These assertions were loudly applauded.

Mr. Posey called for short speeches from all who desired to be heard on the subject of routes for the Mayo Trail, and limited each speaker to three minutes. The routes published in the Big Sandy News last week were taken up in detail and speakers were asked to say what the people will do as to rights of way. From the expressions of the speakers there will be no trouble on this point anywhere.

Among those who spoke were: V. B. Shofridge, David Elswick, J. S. Thurman, Dr. J. F. Hatten, Isaac Cunningham, John H. Frasier, R. T. Burns, Judge John H. Thompson, Hon. R. C. McClure, Dr. J. C. Hall, L. T. McClure, J. G. Burns, G. W. Castle, L. A. Garred, F. H. Yates, J. T. Sweetnam, Fred M. Vinson, G. C. Sweetnam, Judge S. H. Burton.

Mr. Posey gave some interesting information as to the highway of which he is the chief engineer. Owing to the fact that state and national aid laws are new and are being changed often by the legislative and executive powers, we have been unable many times to learn just where we stand and how to proceed in road matters. This state of affairs has prevented county officials and has often frustrated action.

Costs County Nothing.

The most important announcement was that the state and nation will build and pay for the Mayo Trail and maintain it after it is constructed.

It is an absolute gift to us. All we have to do is to help the state finance its part of the cost temporarily, by loaning the funds provided for by the vote taken last December and loaning the proceeds to the state at the same rate of interest that the bonds bear. Then the state will pay us back the amount as soon as possible. This is the only way in which the work can be started this year. The national money is ready. Kentucky will collect a much larger road fund for 1920 than ever before, but the amount will not be large enough to meet all demands. Therefore, the counties that have voted bonds and put themselves into position to loan money to the state will get its work completed far in advance of counties that have not done this.

It will be good news to the people to know that this road will not cost Lawrence county anything. We had expected to pay 30 per cent of the cost.

New Law in Kentucky.

The recent Legislature changed the road laws almost completely, doing away entirely with the later-county road system, but providing that all contracts already entered into by the state for such roads or that may be entered into under the old law before July 1, 1920, will be carried out.

Our bond issue was voted to build roads under that law. \$333,000.00 would be due Lawrence county from the state to be used along with the \$250,000.00 raised by our bond issue. We still have time to bind the state to give us that amount on other roads besides the Mayo Trail, but it will be a race against time to meet the conditions before July 1st.

When the subject of lending the state the proceeds of our bond issue came up, a motion was made to have the citizens present express their sentiments on the proposition. Mr. Posey surrendered the chair to Judge Riffe and he put the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the proposition, and not only was it unanimous, but enthusiastic.

We heard members of the Fiscal Court say afterward that they were very much pleased to have that large and representative body of citizens express themselves on this matter, as the court could now proceed with full assurance of what the people want.

The meeting adjourned with everybody feeling that it had been a good day's work and that it had given the citizens and the road engineer a fine chance to get acquainted and started on the right footing for cooperation.

The Court Acts Promptly.

Immediately after adjournment of the meeting Judge Riffe called the dis-

cal court together. The body had been in session in the forenoon, but adjourned for the road meeting.

Realizing that there is no time to lose, the court authorized and directed Judge Riffe and County Attorney D. L. Thompson to negotiate for and employ a competent engineer to enter at once upon a survey of other roads in Lawrence county with a view to saving the state aid available before July 1st. Examination of the statutes showed that \$333,000 is the amount of state aid to which we will be entitled, instead of \$125,000, as was stated in the road meeting. The court is determined to use every possible effort to commit the state to this expenditure, as there is no provision in the new state law to aid on any roads running east and west through Lawrence county. There is nothing more important to Lawrence than to get hard roads across the county in that direction. This is our last chance to get aid on such roads.

As a further move toward this end the court ordered that Judge Riffe and County Attorney Thompson go to Frankfort immediately after the adjournment of this court and stay with the Road Commissioner and the Attorney General until certain important questions bearing upon these road matters are settled. Until this is accomplished the officers are not quite clear as to how to proceed.

As to funds for more work it is suggested if the county needs any part of the \$250,000 before the state pays it back, the note or other evidence of indebtedness executed to Lawrence county by the state can be used to raise the money.

## POSTOFFICE ROBBER CAUGHT AT IRAD

A stranger giving his name as Joe Mitchell (which is probably not his name) was brought to Louisa Wednesday evening by Equire John Hughes, who assisted in capturing the man near Irad, this county. He was charged with robbing the Adams postoffice the night before and has admitted his guilt.

Also, it is believed he is connected with the robbery of the postoffice at Gallup, which occurred a few nights ago. Detective Duke says the man was wearing a pair of shoes that came out of McClure's store at Gallup, where the postoffice is kept. The shoes were taken off of him and will be used as evidence.

The Adams office is in Monroe Adams store. Some money was taken from the postoffice and a few articles are missing from the store. The man wears an overcoat with enormous pockets, in which he carried enough rations to sustain him for days.

In the Gallup robbery the loss in money belonging to the government and the railroad amounts to about \$30. Shoes and other goods are missing also.

The man had more than a quart of pennies, it is said, and other money tied up in small packages or rolls. He is in jail.

When searched a complete outfit of small tools for getting in through doors and windows was found on his person. It is believed that he is a professional. He appears to be about 35 years of age.

The postoffice at Richardson was robbed a few days before the Gallup robbery. Also, the Yalagville office was victimized a short time previous. It is thought very probable this man was connected with all these jobs.

## WOMEN ON THE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE OF SEVEN IN KENTUCKY

Louisville, April 7.—Active direction of the Democratic campaign will lie with an Executive Committee of seven from the State-at-large members of the party's Administration and Campaign Committee which was appointed at the recent Democratic conference here.

Announcement of this action authorized at the gathering of Democrats from all over the state was made Sunday by P. H. Callahan, Louisville, who with Marion E. Taylor, is joint chairman of the Administration and Campaign Committee.

The executive committee of seven is composed of Senator Johnson N. Sanders, Versailles; Judge Charles A. Harrodsburg, who is chairman of the Democratic State Central and Executive Committee; Harry A. Sommers, Elizabethtown; Marion E. Taylor, Louisville; Mrs. S. P. Fetter, Ashland; and Mrs. Jno. Fulton, Bardonia.

WM. LESTER DIES.

William Lester, an N. & W. engineer who formerly lived here, died at his home in Portsmouth, Ohio, Tuesday of last week. He had an abscess on the inside of his throat that burst while he was coughing and choked him to death.

He was a brother of Mrs. Fred Daff of Credo.

The body was buried at Portsmouth Friday.—Credo Advance.

## NEW STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER TO BE NAMED

Frankfort, Ky.—Roy Brown, of Indianapolis, formerly of London, Ky., son of Judge W. L. Brown, is tipped as State Highway Engineer under the new State Highway Commissioner. The resignation of Joe S. Boggs, of Richmond, Public Road Commissioner, has been in the hands of Governor Morrow for some time, but he has been serving until his successor is appointed.

## TRAIN SERVICE TO BE INJURED BY THE NEW SCHEDULE

THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL SUFFER AT MOST PLACES BY THIS PLAN.

It is announced that an important change will be made in train service on the Big Sandy division of the C. & O. next Sunday.

Train 37 will leave Pikeville at 8:30 a. m., passing Louisa at about 11:30. Train 38 will leave Ashland about 4:15 p. m. instead of 3:30.

The schedule will be considerably faster than at present, because about two-thirds of the stops will be discontinued. The only stop between Catlettsburg and Louisa will be Buchanan. Above here the trains will stop only at Richardson, Whitesburg, Paintsville, and in about that ratio all the way to Pikeville. We have not the exact schedule at hand.

A buffet car will be carried on these trains, but no chair car.

The B. & O. schedules on the branch lines up Big Sandy are being changed to conform to these changes. The morning train from Jenkins to Pikeville will be changed from a mixed to a passenger train and will arrive before 37 leaves Pikeville.

A Bad Arrangement.

Surely the C. & O. is influenced in this change by something other than the interests of the general public. Any business man living in the Big Sandy Valley can suggest a better arrangement than that for the accommodation of the entire public. And the public interests should be the chief consideration in arranging service, as far as can be reasonably done.

It is a well known fact that passenger traffic on Big Sandy trains has been so heavy for a number of years that the people are compelled to stand in the aisles very frequently for many miles.

What the C. & O. should do is to continue the present service of accommodation trains, two each way per day, perhaps starting 38 out of Ashland an hour or two earlier; then add two such trains as now proposed (one each way per day).

The business will justify this service. The people are entitled to it. The Big Sandy passenger trains turn in more profit to the C. & O. on the mileage and equipment employed than any other equal part of this great system produces.

With all due deference to employees, no train schedules should be made for the convenience or comfort when the interests of the public suffer thereby. And no one or two points on a road should be favored at the expense of all others.

It is very important that people at all way stations have opportunity to reach the nearest town and return home without undue loss of time. Time is money to every farmer and to every producer. It is important to help the people in this respect. With proper facilities they will travel more.

This proposed schedule makes it impossible for people at two-thirds of the stations to make a round trip in a day to any point west of them. They can make a round trip east, but must spend the entire day, except those living near the east end of the road.

To show how it will work out at Louisa and adjacent territory let's take a concrete case. People living at Gallup, 19 miles east, or at Kise, 12 miles east, have only one chance per day to come to Louisa, arriving at 7 p. m., too late for business. The only chance the next day for a train that stops at their station is at 7:36 a. m. After all due business, which means they must stay here two nights and a day in order to transact any business, or they must find some other way to travel.

The same absurd situation exists as to all other towns and the way stations east of them.

If we can not have this third train each way per day there should be no change at present. It has been suggested that the proposed change would be only temporary to stand until the C. & O. arranges to handle fast through service from Elkhorn City to the South. Then, it is said, through sleepers and fast trains will be handled over this division, delivering the sleepers at Elkhorn City and receiving those coming from the south.

Why not wait until the C. & O. does this. We shall all welcome the day. But it is a huge blunder to make the change now proposed. Everybody should protest against it.

LATER.—The Ashland Independent says it is informed that No. 38 will leave Ashland at 5:15 p. m., and that 37 will arrive there at 12:30.

Also that on the Beaver creek branch of the B. & O. a passenger train will make two round trips per day.

## DEATH OF MISS CRAGER.

A telegram was received Wednesday from Columbus, Ohio, by Mr. J. M. Cyrus of this city, announcing the death of his niece, Miss Mary Crager. She had been in failing health and some time ago had gone to Texas in the hope of being benefited by the change of climate. Accompanied by her father she had started home from San Antonio, but passed away before reaching there.

She was the daughter of J. C. Crager and has relatives and friends in this county. Mr. Cyrus left Wednesday to attend the burial which will be at Cincinnati, Ohio.

## GREEN B. HALL DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

The death of Mr. Green B. Hall occurred last Monday after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. He was a nephew of Mrs. Phil Preece and had made his home there for quite a while. He was a native of Martin county.

On Tuesday afternoon funeral services were conducted at the Preece home, Eloise farm, by the Rev. H. B. Hewlett. Many of the young man's friends attended the funeral and burial. He recently was converted and united with the M. E. Church South.

## CITY COUNCIL.

The city council met Tuesday night in regular session and attended to routine business.

When the matter of a franchise for electric light and power service came up a question was raised about the rates named in the proposition that had laid over since the last meeting, especially the rates on current used for power. The matter was finally passed until Wednesday night, upon an agreement to adjourn over until that time. The next day, however, the Lawrence county withdrew the application and no meeting was held Wednesday night.

## REAL ESTATE DEALS.

Mrs. John Chapman has sold her residence property in Louisa to Harry Hardin, of Gallup. She will leave soon for Florida where her husband has been for some time.

Dr. W. W. Wray, of Richardson, has bought from J. W. Riley the house on Water street which is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Duke. Dr. Wray bought it as an investment and does not expect to move here soon.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Muss Billups, 20, to Lillian Bellomy, 19, of Pritchard, and for Gay.

Dennis Moore, 25, to Jettie Church, 20, of Wilbur.

Earle Crabtree, 22, to Mary Dowdy, 18, of Ovid.

Frank D. Hartman, 21, to Fannie Williamson, 16, of Port Gay.

Oscar Combs, 18, to Connie Holbrook, 16, of Tusculum.

Joseph Warden, 26, to Anna Blankenship, 22, of Ashland and Louisa.

## CHILD BURIED HERE.

Olle Wanda, the 16 months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Ramsom Pack, died at their home at Plain City, Ohio. The cause of her death was pneumonia which followed an illness of influenza. The body was brought to their former home in this county. Interment took place last Saturday afternoon in the Mary church burial ground at Charley.

Mr. and Mrs. Pack and two children were in Louisa Monday returning to their home at Plain City.

## LAWRENCE FISCAL COURT.

The Lawrence Fiscal Court convened Tuesday in regular semi-annual session with all magistrates present as follows:

R. C. Miller, George Wellman, B. F. Diamond, W. T. Fugitt, J. H. Frasier, John S. Chapman, Henry Bishop, G. V. Pack.

Consideration of claims was the chief business before the court. Adjournment Thursday evening was expected.

## Big Coal Deal in East Ky. and W. Va.

A coal deal involving a consideration of \$525,000 was concluded April 1, when Harry P. Jones, of 1029 Eighth street, sold the West Virginia & Kentucky Coal company, of Fletcher-co., Ky., the Acup Creek Coal company, of Perry-co., Ky., and the R. J. Jones & Sons Coal company of Jonesville, Ky., to the Consolidated Fuel company of Pittsburgh.

Isaac J. Jenkins of Pittsburgh is president of the purchasing corporation and Charles A. Miller of Pittsburgh is to be general manager of the Consolidated operations. Other officers will be James R. Jones, assistant general manager, Harry P. Jones, Jr., auditor and William J. Phillips, manager of stores.

The properties involved in the deal contain 5,200 acres. Each of the properties is now in active operation.—Herald Dispatch.

## RARE OLD MAN.

Thomas H. Mannin of Carter county is a remarkable man at 93. He has never had a doctor, never has missed voting but once and absences from church have been almost as rare. He has never used tobacco or coffee, never gambled or danced, and has never had a quarrel.—Harrodsburg Democrat.

## GEOLOGIST IS APPOINTED.

Governor Morrow has appointed Prof. Willard R. Jilson, of Frankfort, State Geologist. He has been State Geologist under J. E. Barton, of Frankfort, Commissioner of Geology and Forestry. The salary is \$3,500 a year, and the department has an appropriation of \$27,500 for its use.

This is a very important office and every report that goes out should be accurate. This has not been true of some of Mr. Jilson's reports.

## J. E. FERGUSON.

Manlius, N. Y., April 2.—Cadet J. E. Ferguson, a student at St. Johns Military School here, has left for his home in Louisa, Ky., where he will spend the Easter vacation with Mr. R. L. Vinson. Cadet Ferguson is taking a college preparatory course and is a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps maintained at the institution by the War Department.

## LAWRENCE COUNTY THE ONLY BEREA PRODUCER IN KY.

FACTS NOT GENERALLY NOTED ABOUT THE LOCAL OIL FIELD.

Lawrence county has never been boasted as an oil field, but the development has gone along quietly and steadily until she has broken Kentucky records in more respects than one.

The Kentucky Geological department, in its very questionable reports, overlooks this county almost entirely, and is erroneous in the slight references which are made to the county.

In the first place Lawrence is the only county selling oil from the Berea sand, which it has been doing for eight years.

It is the only county in Kentucky producing oil and gas from three different sands.

Lawrence has over 200 producing wells and new ones coming in on an average of almost one each day. This average will be reached when the roads dry out.

Lawrence is well provided with pipe lines and the production is being handled promptly.

The grade of oil is very high. The life of the Berea sand is known to be over 30 years.

## The Local Field.

The last well on Mrs. Hannah Lackey's farm is making a fine showing. The last well on Thad. Ransom reached a bad place in the sand and has been abandoned as a dry hole.

Well No. 5 on L. N. Hutchison is down 700 feet.

No. 6 on the Conley tract near Potter is starting.

The last well on the Hester Carter farm is a good one.

The well on Sweetnam's farm near Wilbur is still held up by a fishing job.

The Keaton oil company has one of the biggest wells yet drilled in the county, it seems from all reports. Our correspondent from Skaggs gives a full report of it.

Mr. Ayers is pushing development to the limit on his lease in the upper Blaine field. He is starting a well on a lease adjoining the Keaton tract.

## In Martin County.

The deep test well on Stafford fork, east side of Martin county, reached a depth of about 2000 feet. Gas was found in the Berea and the corniferous sands. Both of these formations were due to be shot this week. The well belongs to the Mayo Oil company.

## Johnson and Magoffin.

Good reports continue to come from this field. The pipe line will reach there soon and the real test will then be made. Drilling is active.

The pipe for the line is already being delivered, and arrangements have been made to speed up the work so as to complete the new line within thirty to forty-five days. The line will be 14 miles long, beginning at Patrick's station, in Johnson county, thence running into Magoffin county and back into Johnson county, where it will connect with the main line.

## Another Torpedo Co.

The Cumberland Torpedo company has entered this field and keeps a supply of nitroglycerine and men to shoot the wells. This enables producers to get prompt service.

## CHURCH NEWS AND OTHER MATTERS OF RELIGIOUS NATURE

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Revival by Evangelist H. W. Swiftman.

The revival at the Louisa Christian church is growing in interest and influence with every service. Also the weather has been very unfavorable, the attendance and interest have been excellent.

There is nothing sensational in the Evangelist's methods or messages, but everywhere you can hear people saying "never heard clearer, more logical, yet simple and convincing presentation of the whole gospel." The messages ring true to the slogan "The Bible, The Whole and Nothing But The Bible." The singing is inspiring and rich.

The meetings continue indefinitely every night at 7 o'clock.

On Sunday at 9:30 a. m., a model bible school session, classes for everybody and a popular presentation of the lesson to the adult classes by Evangelist. The morning services will be condensed into a single unified service, study period to be followed by several special features and an illustrated lecture on "Jesus the Light of the World." Closing with the Lord's supper.

The Sunday night subject at 7 will be: "The Keys of The Kingdom." Special music at all services of the day. On Tuesday night, April 13, the subject of sermon will be: "The Unpardonable Sin." On Wednesday, April 14, "How To Be Infallibly Safe." The question box has been a source of much information and help.

Everybody is cordially invited to all these services.

### M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

Services last Sunday morning consisted of special music and talks by the minute men. W. E. Queen and P. H. Yates were the speakers. A. O. Carter was in charge of the service.

The pastor, Rev. Bell, started from Troy, Alabama, for Louisa several days ago, stopping at Ridgeville, S. C. He is expected home this week.

The revival will start on April 21st, with the Wisdom Sisters assisting the pastor.

The chicken supper at the church last Saturday evening was largely attended.

Pray for a revival.

Hear the Wisdom Sisters sing at the M. E. Church South, beginning April 21.

The Board of Health has power to close shops, stores, schools, churches, during epidemics of flu or otherwise. Wonder how many stores, shops, etc., will close during the revival meeting. Sin and the Judgment are subjects not calculated to arouse much interest.

The M. E. Church South in Louisa stands for SOMETHING. Do you know what it is?

If the Methodists of Louisa will wear out more "knee leather" the next two weeks than shoe leather God will bless the town with the greatest spiritual awakening in her history.

Get right with God any many other things will right themselves.

During the past war it was said that hyphenated Americans were a menace. Wonder if hyphenated Methodism is not a menace in our town.

Do not be afraid of holiness. It isn't holiness in the church that hurts, it's the lack of it.

The Sunday schools have been departmentalized and the church organized to the nth degree. But what we need most has been so well said by Bishop Candier, is to AGONIZE.

Have you ever lost an hour's sleep over the unbelief of this town? Try it.

### Sunday School 9:30 a. m.

Morning service 10:20.

Evening service 7:00 o'clock.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

Bible Class Thursday 6:30 p. m.

Choir practice from 6 to 6:40 p. m. Friday.

A cordial invitation is extended every one to attend these services.

JAS. D. BELL, Pastor.

### Go-To-Sunday-School Day.

A meeting was held Sunday afternoon in the M. E. Church to make preparations for Go-To-Sunday-School day which is the first Sunday in May. It was attended by representatives of the four Sunday Schools of Louisa. Mr. W. J. Vaughan, the field worker, was also present. Arrangements were made for a house-to-house canvass on the afternoon of April 25. Four members from each school will be selected to do the work.

### Special Easter Program.

A good Easter program was well rendered to a large and delighted audience at the M. E. Church on last Sunday evening by the regular choir and some of the Sunday School children. Much credit is due Miss May Hale for her service at the piano, Miss Nancy Sue Cummings for the training of the children, Mrs. Ora C. Atkins for preparing the costumes and decorations and Miss Gladys Atkins who sang for the pantomime.

### AGED BOWEN FARMER HAS 114 RELATIVES AT BIRTHDAY PARTY

With his wife, 51 children, 51 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren aiding him, French Bowen, of Bowen, Wayne county, W. Va., recently celebrated the eightieth anniversary since his birth.